



City of Seattle

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November 22, 2005

Rainier Commons LLC
Attn: Conan Gale
3100 Airport Way South
Seattle, WA 98134

Subject: Results from October 12, 2005 stormwater pollution prevention inspection: **Corrective action required.**

Dear Mr. Gale:

Thank you for your cooperation during the inspection that was conducted at your facility at 3100 Airport Way South and follow-up catch basin sediment sampling. Inspections of commercial and industrial properties are being conducted as part of a King County and Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) joint program to assist businesses in reducing the amount of pollutants discharged to the Duwamish waterway via storm drains and combined sewer overflows. SPU is also inspecting businesses to ensure that they are in compliance with the City's Stormwater, Grading, and Drainage Code (SMC 22.800).

During the inspection several items were identified that must be addressed under SPU's stormwater pollution prevention program. It is your responsibility to comply with the City code. If compliance is not achieved in a timely manner enforcement actions may be taken. The following is the list of required corrective actions we discussed during the inspection:

- **Please install an outlet trap in the catch basins located in the tank farm area and any other catch basins where outlet traps are broken or missing. I have attached a standard plan for outlet traps with this letter, as well as a list of contractors who will perform this work.**
- **Please clean all catch basins located on your site. Accumulated material within 18 inches of the bottom of the lowest pipe entering or exiting the structure must be removed and disposed of properly. Please keep all maintenance records on file.**

Preliminary analytical data from sediment sampling at your site show significant concentrations of PCBs (up to 2,200 mg/kg) in the sediment collected from the following locations: the breezeway trench drain, the catch basins in the tank farm area, and two catch basins in the southwest parking lot adjacent to the building and north of the loading dock. Due to the elevated concentrations of PCBs in the sediments, you will need to employ a consultant/contractor to assist in proper disposal of the material according to appropriate state and federal regulations. Please clean all outdoor inlets/trench drains/catch basins on your property. Because we only sampled a few of the catch basins on your site, you may need to do additional sampling and analysis of the materials in non-sampled structures to ensure adequate disposal methods are employed.

- **Please further investigate the possible source(s) of PCBs to the sediment in your catch basins.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above identified stormwater pollution prevention corrections, please contact me at (206) 615-1636 or Tanya.Treat@seattle.gov.

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I will return to re-inspect your property within 30 days to ensure that the catch basins have been cleaned and the outlet traps have been installed. SPU wants to assist business owners in bringing their businesses into compliance voluntarily. However, it is your responsibility to comply with the City code. If compliance is not achieved in a timely manner, a Notice of Violation may be issued that could result in a fine of up to \$300 for each day the violation continues.

SPU is working to reduce pollution in our drainage system and local surface waters. Implementing best management practices at your property is the most effective way to prevent pollutants from entering your storm drains, which ultimately discharge into the Duwamish Waterway. With your help we can improve stormwater quality in Seattle

Sincerely,

Tanya P. Treat
Surface Water Quality Inspector

Enclosure(s): Outlet Trap Standard Spec
 List of Drainage System Maintenance Contractors
 Laboratory Analytical Results from Sediment Sampling
 Map Showing Locations of Samples and PCB Concentrations